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2011: The year in review



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As 2011 draws to a close, the Drum takes a look back through its archives to compile a list of the top 15 news trends of the year. We recognize Southern Ute tribal members both old and young for their accomplishments, and remember the events that made this year one to remember: from the bevy of elections inside the tribal campus to the cluster of wildfires burning just over the hill, there was seldom a dull moment on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Turn to page 6 for the full list.



Southern Ute tribal office closures

New Year's Day
Monday, Jan. 2, 2012
Offices will reopen
Tuesday, Jan. 3

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 16, 2012
Offices will reopen
Tuesday, Jan. 17



Newton appoints Olguin vice chairman

Staff report
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Jimmy R. Newton Jr., chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, has appointed James M. Olguin his vice chairman.

Newton announced the

appointment in a memo to tribal staffers on Friday, Dec. 27. Olguin had previously served as vice chairman under Newton's predecessor, Pearl E.



Casias, and later as acting chairman leading up to the Wednesday, Dec. 14 runoff election.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, Newton announced he was appointing Steve R. Herrera Sr. as executive officer and Amy Barry as assistant executive officer.

Young poet visits museum



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Tanaya Winder stopped by the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Thursday, Dec. 22 to sign copies of "Soul Talk, Soul Language: Conversations With Joy Harjo," a book she co-edited with Harjo. Winder, who graduated from Stanford University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in English and is currently pursuing a master's in poetry at the University of New Mexico, also read selections from her own poetry, which she hopes to compile into a book to be published soon.

A Southern Ute Christmas



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Southern Ute tribal members line up with their children for a chance to sit on Santa's lap following the annual Christmas Dinner and program on Saturday, Dec. 17 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center. For more photos see page 10.